

Senate Resolution 108

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Phyllis Jones; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Phyllis Jones is the celebrated principal of the highly successful Rigdon Road
3 Elementary School in Columbus, Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, she has been recently honored with the 22nd Unity Award at the 21st Annual
5 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Award Breakfast; and

6 WHEREAS, Phyllis Jones is also the recipient of the Unsung Hero Congressional Medal
7 from the Black Caucus, the Concharty Girl Scouts Women of Achievement Award, and
8 awards for being an outstanding Muscogee County principal; and

9 WHEREAS, due to her exceptional leadership and dedicated management, Rigdon Road
10 Elementary has become a remarkable institution that has been teaching year-round for eight
11 years, implementing Saturday and after-school tutoring programs, a special Cornerstone
12 Reading program, and a number of parental involvement programs, including the popular
13 FBI, or "Fathers Being Involved"; and

14 WHEREAS, Rigdon Road Elementary has an excellent student to teacher ratio of 15-1 and
15 is a National Blue Ribbon School where nearly 100 percent of the school's students are Black
16 and where all students are expected to exceed standards when they leave; and

17 WHEREAS, when every single third grader passed the CRCT exam in 2004, the school was
18 able to give every child a bicycle donated from generous community businesses.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 join in honoring the phenomenal work of Phyllis Jones as the principal of the amazing
21 Rigdon Road Elementary School.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Phyllis Jones.